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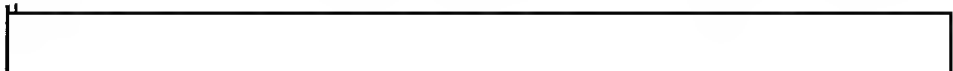
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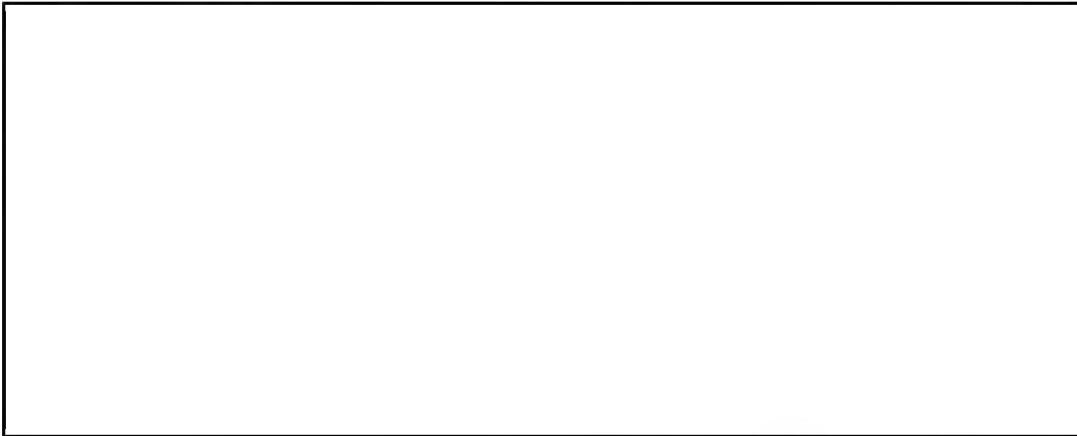
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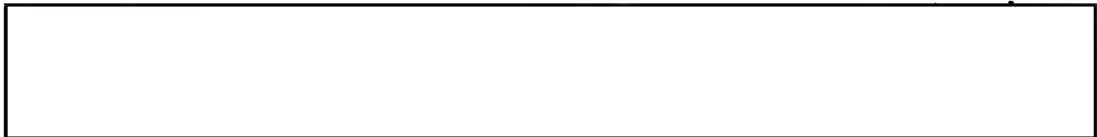
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6. According to press reports, two US helicopters with 12 Marines aboard have crashed while seeking the wreckage of a fighter-bomber which crashed Tuesday in central highland jungles. The fighter-bomber, carrying a Vietnamese and a US captain, was divebombing Communist positions in the Montagnard area when it crashed. A spokesman said wreckage of the two helicopters had been sighted with no signs of survivors. Other helicopters and liaison aircraft overflying the crash scene reported heavy ground fire.



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